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BIG ISLAND BOYS WIN RUNNER-UP TROPHY

Volleyball Tournament

Big Island High School Boys Runner-Up

By Danny Mason

"They said it couldn't be done," but it has been done. For the first time since Big Island has been sending a team to the volleyball tournament, the school won a trophy. This was the runner-up trophy for District J.

Big Island won its first, a most gruelling contest, by defeating Montvale 23-21. Most of the team was somewhat nervous at the start of the game, but after a few minutes of play, everyone seemed to loosen up.

Our second effort gave us a hard fought victory over Stewartville. The final score of this game was 21-17. By defeating Stewartville, we were given a chance to play Moneta for the district championship.

This proved to be the most exciting game of all. A hard-fighting Big Island team went down to honorable defeat before a very fine Moneta team. The score was 21-12.

With one trophy won, we will be anxiously awaiting basketball season and a chance to win another trophy.

Girls Win One — Lose One

By Betty St. John

On Thursday, October 22, the Big Island girl's volleyball team participated in the volleyball tournament. They won their first game by a wide margin, as they beat Madison Heights 21-11.

The second game was lost to Stewartville 21-9, after a gallant attempt by the Big Island team.

MYRTLE TOLLEY WINNER OF DAR CITIZENSHIP AWARD

By Jeanine Goff

By the vote of the entire Senior Class of 1960, and the faculty of Big Island High School, Myrtle A. Tolley, Senior was elected the Daughter's of American Revolution Good Citizenship for the Big Island High School.

The qualifications for this Good Citizen award are: Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism. In addition the Senior elected must write a letter to the Bedford Daughter's of the

American Revolution telling in her own words the activities she has engaged in at home and school and stating her ideals and ambitions.

We congratulate Myrtle, as she has been a fine student during her four years in High School, quietly doing her work and getting along with everybody. Myrtle will receive a certificate and pin and will be eligible to compete in the State Contest, which carries an award of a Hundred Dollar Bond.



Beta Club Initiates

INVASION!!

By Betty St. John

("The Beatnik")

If you were a visitor at Big Island High School, Monday, October 12, you probably thought that some people from Mars had landed! There were all kinds of strange creatures walking around... a mummy, a "hobo," a beatnik, a baseball player, a football player, a little girl, a maid, the Ski King, a cowboy, and what was supposed to have been a "woman."

These creatures roamed the halls the entire day, with every student watching in mystified wonder.

The "things" were actually the new Beta Club members. It was Initiation Day and all these strange costumes were required of the initiates.

The program for the day started with an assembly at which each new member received a certificate and a pen to make the membership official.

The big day ended with a party for the new members, given by

Ann Tomlinson, Kay Hensley, Robert Cheatham, Neil Casto, Danny Mason, (the "old" members), under the sponsorship of Mr. Kelly. The "weird" members, who had been chosen on the basis of secret votes of the "old" members and approval of the faculty were: Jeanne Ramsey, Betty St. John, Billy Williams, Eleanor Tomlin, Myrtle Tolley, Mickey Douglas, Dorothy Wilson, Jean Campbell, Wayne Nease, and Truly Branch.

At the end of the day, the creatures faded into the distance and all the "sights" of this day were gone.

MAGIC SHOW

By Mickey Douglas

On Tuesday, October 6, at 9:00 a.m., the school was entertained by Bobo, the magician. He was assisted by Lillian Bobo.

He showed the amazed group many wonderful magic tricks.

I'm sure the students who attended the program found it very enjoyable.

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Editorial

On Friday, October 16, at 3 o'clock P. M., there were many sad faces in Big Island High School. As we all know, everyone had just received what some people might call the verdict of first six weeks in school, our report cards.

There were many people that said, "I tried so hard, but I still got low grades. It must be the teacher, I know I couldn't have made grades that bad." Let's face the truth, did we really try or are we only trying to make ourselves feel better?

The question is often asked what do you have to do to get a good grade? The answer is you have to put forth a little effort. Some students said, "I tried to pass and didn't, so I am not even going to try anymore and if I fail next six weeks, I am going to quit school." There is one question I would like to ask these people, how are you going to pass if you refuse to try?

STATE-WIDE APTITUDE TESTS GIVEN AT BIG ISLAND

By Billy Williams

What a week! This was the reaction of most students on Monday following the week of September 30. Beginning on Tuesday of that week state-wide comprehensive tests were administered to students of the secondary grades; they were given continuously through Friday.

The tests were administered in sections, each lasted about 45 minutes, accordingly, we were cooped-up in our rooms most of the morning.

Everyone was really relieved when the bell, which signified the end of the tests, rang. The end of a hectic week!

Alas, the eighth grade are meeting their fate this week. Mr. Oglesby is giving aptitude tests to them!

NEWS BITS

Wedding bells rang for Janet Camden (Class of '57) and Fred Bechmann (Class of '58) on October 3, 1959. They are residing in an apartment in Lynchburg.

Two of last year's Senior Boys, Franklin Reynolds and Earl Cheatham, will soon begin working for Uncle Sam in the U. S. Air Force.

As we all know the first six weeks of school are the hardest ones of the whole school year, because the students are settling down from their summer vacation, getting used to their new teachers and finally they must realize that they have to study.

If you failed a subject or made low grades this six weeks, put forth a little more effort and I am sure you will find quite a few changes in your report card for the next six weeks.

Do me a special favor and don't give up. Remember this saying and use it as your motto, "IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY, TRY, AGAIN!"

—Assistant Editor

SENIOR PERSONALITIES

PATSY FEAGANS

Making an appearance this month is a green-eyed blonde, who has a pleasing personality—though extremely witty.

She enjoys spaghetti and meatballs along with her favorite drink, Dr. Pepper. As for television she probably doesn't know of its existence since she's always too busy to watch it. Her favorite movie star is John Wayne and her favorite singer is Pat Boone. Yes, it is Patsy Feagans—or perhaps one who is better known as just plain ol' "Figgins."

In high school Patsy has been and is an active member in several clubs such as Allied Youth, Glee Club, F.H.A., 4-H Club and many others. She has been a member of the basketball squad, volleyball team, and softball team.

Patsy has one great ambition in life to become a famous singer someday. We wish her lots of luck in the future and we know she will be a success in whatever she undertakes to do, but do try to carry that voice far, Pat.

NEIL CASTO

Who is this we see walking through our halls? An all American boy who is 6 ft. tall, weighs 153 pounds, has green eyes and brown hair. You guessed it! Neil Casto.

You will always find Neil with the other members of the "gang," Billy, Mike, Kyle and Danny. Neil does fine in all his classes and is a good athlete. He has made first string on the basketball, baseball and volleyball teams.

Among Neil's favorites we find—baseball, steak, Tony Curtis, French, and a hobby of collecting arrowheads.

Neil was president of his Junior Class and was re-elected this year as president of the Senior Class.

He is considering attending Lynchburg College after graduation.

Best of luck to a great guy!

LAWLESS CAMDEN

Although the dictionary gives a definition of the word "energy," Big Island High School has its own. That definition is Lawless Camden. This "walking fireball" is one of this month's senior personalities. Lawless's body (height: 6' 1", weight: 180 lbs.) is composed of nothing but witty remarks and perpetual motion.

From Lawless's size it is obvious that he loves to eat, especially steak. When Lawless attends the movies he likes to see James Stewart and Kim Novak on the screen. At dances or just for listening pleasure he enjoys hearing Elvis Presley.

Lawless is an outstanding athlete. He has participated in basketball, volleyball, and baseball throughout his high school life. He is Vice-President of the Senior Class and Boys' Club and past treasurer of the Glee Club.

After completing his high school education, Lawless plans to attend Lynchburg College.

Lawless, the Senior Class wishes you the best of everything.

Whenever Grandma had callers,
 They sat with timid heart;
 And when they sat together
 They sat———this far apart.
 Whenever daughter's boy friend
 calls,
 He greets her with a kiss;
 And when they sit together,
 They sit closetogetherlikethis.

And then there was the moron
 who wouldn't take a bath for
 fear his nails would rust.



Mr. William Kelly

Kelly, New Coach

By Betty Byers

Big Island has a new coach! I'm sure you all know him very well, but to get better acquainted, I'll try to tell you more about him.

He is twenty-one year old William Kelly, who was born in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

Mr. Kelly attended Franklin County High School and Lynchburg College, where he majored in Biology and Health and Physical Education.

Now, for the girls who are playing the field this very handsome young teacher has black hair, green eyes, weighs 155 pounds, and he is 5' 11" tall.

He teaches various subjects here at B. I. H. S., but among his "likes" we find: the song, "Team Beat," Rock 'n' Roll music, dancing, sleeping late, cars, and sports.

Mr. Kelly says he would "love to see a football team here at Big Island." He thinks the basketball team will do okay, but makes no predictions until he has seen them play. One thing Mr. Kelly expects of the team is — "to act like gentlemen."

Last, but not least, Mr. Kelly admires a girl who is: considerate, courteous, has a good personality, and brown eyes.

Oh, let's not forget this is his first year coaching. I'm sure he will make this an exciting year for all.

October SCA Meeting

By Sandra Wood

The first SCA meeting of 1959-60 was held in the auditorium, Monday, October 5. The president, Neil Casto, called the meeting to order. We were led in devotions by Truly Branch and Danny Mason. Betty St. John, Brenda Ross, and Patsy Feagans led us in singing "America" and our school song.

Our Secretary, Eleanor Tomlin, read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

The vice-president, Johnny Reynolds, introduced the program. Reports were given on Boys' and Girls' State by Eleanor Tomlin, and Ann Tomlinson, Danny Mason and Mike Brown.

Ann Tomlinson, president of the Beta Club, introduced the new members and spoke on the purposes of the Beta Club.

Announcements were made by Mr. Oglesby, Miss Owen, Miss Layne and Mrs. Parks.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ELECTIONS 1959-60

Ninth Grade

President	Nancy Blankenship
Vice-President	Becky Dawson
Secretary	Nancy Wilson
Treasurer	Carol Hart
Chaplain	Ann Massie
Reporter	Cecil Ramsey

Beta Club

President	Ann Tomlinson
Vice-President	Billy Williams
Secretary	Kaye Hensley
Treasurer	Betty St. John
Reporter	Neil Casto

F. H. A.

President	Betty Lee St. John
Vice-President	Jane Dawson
Secretary	Sandra Snead
Treasurer	Kaye Hensley
Reporter	Becky Dawson
Historian	Sandra Wood

Betty Lee is also reporter for the Bedford County Federation.

SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Big Island High School girls' volleyball team played their first game at New London Academy on October 2. The game against Boonsboro was scheduled at 6:30 p.m. We played a fast-moving game and were sure of winning until the last few minutes of the two games. We lost by two points to Boonsboro.

The home game, scheduled for October 9, was cancelled.

—Dorothy Wilson

Victory

Victory reigned supreme as the Big Island girls' volleyball team brought home a 11-9 and 11-7 win over Madison Heights, October 16. These games were the forerunners to the tournament to be played at Bedford Armory from which a champion will arise.

—Betty St. John

Tournament

The tournament scheduled October 22 at the Bedford Armory will find us opposing Madison Heights again. Brenda Ross and Truly Branch were elected co-captains for the tournament game.

The Telletorium Assembly

By Billy Williams

At 9:30 A. M. Monday, October 26, 1959, the entire "Telletorium" Staff enacted a short one act play. The purpose of the play was to stimulate interest in purchasing our school paper.

The skit was written by Betty Byers and Alice Burks, two of our witty and versatile Juniors. It was a take-off on the various staff members such as the following: Editor, Ann Tomlinson; Asst. Editor, Alice Burks; Business Manager, Brenda Ross; Assistant Circulation manager, Jeanne Ramsey; Girls' Sports Editor, Betty St. John; Asst. Girls' Sports Editor, Patsy Thomas; Boys' Sports Editor Barry

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BOYS VOLLEYBALL

By Danny Mason

On Friday, October 2, Big Island High School opened its volleyball season by playing Boonsboro at New London High School. The Big Island team looked good, even in defeat. Although we won one game, 15 to 3; Boonsboro won two. Our Big Island team is improving and should be in top form for their next game.

The boys' volleyball team of B. I. H. S. decisively defeated Madison Heights at Boonsboro on Friday night, October 16.

Fine teamwork and excellent play accounted for Big Island's victory. Big Island defeated its opponent in two straight contests. The scores were 15-8 and 15-12.

The team is looking forward to the volleyball tournament and a chance to continue along the trail of victory.

"Telletorium" Dance

By Betty St. John

On Saturday, October 10, the **Telletorium** staff, under the direction and leadership of the sponsor, Miss Layne, gave a dance to raise money to help pay for the publication of the school paper.

All students in high school were invited to attend and to join in the activities of the night.

The dance was chaperoned by Mrs. Parks, Mr. Oglesby, Miss Page, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mason.

The music was supplied by records, and refreshments were served during the course of the evening.

Approximately \$22.00 was cleared at the dance.

Drowning Man: "Throw me a lifesaver!"

Spectator: "What flavor?"

Fire Prevention Week

By Carol Hart

On Tuesday, October 6, Mr. Oglesby rang the fire alarm and we marched quickly and quietly to the athletic field and the church grounds.

When Mr. Oglesby rang the bell to come in Mr. Ballard Milton, Bedford Fire Chief, addressed the students on the athletic field and Mr. Bill Woodfin, Big Island Fire Chief, addressed the ones on the church grounds. I know we all benefited from their talks, concerning "What to do in Case of Fire." And I'm sure everyone feels they were very worthwhile.

Reaction to 1st Six Weeks Report Cards

By Kyle Williams

I think the reaction to the first report cards was shocking to some, if not all of the students of Big Island High. To some it was that same old, "I couldn't care less," expression, so the reaction was not "numbing" to that group.

All day long on the Friday that our report cards were to be given, there was an air of fear floating about. As I walked by different pupils, I would happen to catch a word or two; such as, "well, I guess I won't be using the car this weekend," or "I guess I might as well cancel that dance date for tonight with my girl!" But the most common expression was, "I might as well go on home and get the lecture and the beating over with."

Well, I don't know what your reaction was, but as for me there is plenty of room for improvement.

The sergeant was explaining some important points to a squad of recruits on the rifle range. "This type of bullet will penetrate two feet of solid wood," he said. "So remember to keep your heads down."

Snooper

Well, folks, there were lots and lots and lots of sights and gossip this month; so let's get on with the "news."

Bookkeeping Class, we saw you "ripping it up" after your workbooks arrived. Shame on you! (Or shall we blame the teacher?)

Jean, what happened that you didn't get to the ball game that Friday night? Could it be a certain friend appeared unexpectedly?

It looks like two Senior boys are having some misunderstandings about a certain Sophomore girl. This couldn't be Barbara C., could it boys?

David R., do you have a "special" interest in Lynchburg or do you just enjoy the scenery?

Judy, did you really send a letter to "Dear Abby" and sign it "Married"?

The post office snoop reports that Alice Burks has been getting letters postmarked Lynchburg. Is this why she's been visiting the dear city so much?

Larry Ives, why all the dressing up? Watch him girls!

Hey, Emma B. and Ernest M., is it true you two are "just friends"?

Patsy Thomas has been reported "missing in B. I.; seeing action elsewhere" on Friday nights. Could she be in Bedford at football games?

If you catch any flies, you may carry them to your fly catcher, Cecil Ramsey.

Jane, who are the two guys that have been taking you home after school?

It seems Grace B. is fond of a certain Snowden resident.

Oh, yes, a ninth grade blonde has also been seen in that vicinity—boat riding. This time of year?

Patsy F., I hear you are sporting around in a red 'n' white Ford. Is this true?

What was so special about the night of October 14, Bernice?

Still sneaking out to see a special guy, Margaret?

An Imaginary Interview With

Christopher Columbus (Beatnik-Style)

By Kyle Williams

One day while I was walking along the beach, I spied old "Chris" sitting in the sand. I asked, "Chris, what makes you think the world is round?"

Chris told me he was fairly sure that it was and he was going to prove it.

"Well, Chris," I inquired, "how are you going about doing this?"

"I'm going to get a ship and dig way out man," replied Chris, "for the other side. I'm going to see that hep chick Queen Isabella and see if she will put me into orbit with a ship."

Well, old Chris did just that. He saw the Queen and even slick-talked her out of a ship or two.

The last I saw of my old friend Chris, the Cat, was when he was sailing out of sight singing, "I'll Sail My Ship Alone."

Jon W., have you really been sitting by a certain 7th grader on the bus each day? Could it be Linda S.?

I heard three of the ninth grade girls are really missing Mr. Braswell this year. Who are they?

We received the tip that some ex-steadies are trying to get in full swing again. Could it be the Air Force or a certain Chevy! How about it Rachel?

Barry, we hear you know all the good parking places. Share your knowledge!

All of you guys and gals had better watch out for us. Remember we are watching you!

—Sneaky Snoops

WANTED

Mr. Oglesby—"An automatic bell."

Miss Owen—"A Perry Mason Mystery Book I haven't read."

Mr. Kelly—"A four day weekend."

Mrs. Parks—"une petite fille francais."

Mrs. Neal—"A car."

Mr. Newton—"A new horn."

School Withers Before Influenza

(An Exaggerated Account)

By Myrtle Tolley

Several weeks ago flu and cold raged throughout the school. Students were ill with splitting headaches, hot flashes, sore throats, and colds. These were the symptoms of this dreaded "disease" which lasted from three days to a week.

There were at least forty-nine students absent from classes, and even though some came to school they had to be taken home because of this sickness.

The standard tests had to be postponed, cafeteria sales dropped below normal, and there were no jams in the halls.

Not only were the students feeling bad but the teachers looked as though they, too, had been dragged through a keyhole.

The one class I remembered well during this crisis is one of the boys was so ill he fell off his chair and onto the floor, but with the help of fellow students he was taken to a medical doctor. Throughout this epidemic, school did remain open.

The expressions that became familiar were "My head is splitting," "I'm hot," "I'm sick," "May I go home?" Due to these poor sick individuals a class play that had been scheduled was postponed until further notice.

When the office secretary was asked how she felt physically, she said "just fine," and when asked approximately how many students were absent during the influenza rage her reply was "about one hundred and forty."

This epidemic caused a lot of trouble, but there have been worse times than this. Nature has only taken its course.

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Seniors Sponsored Supper

By Eleanor Tomlin

On Friday, October 2, the Senior Class sponsored an oyster and ham supper in the school cafeteria. The purpose of this supper was to help finance various senior projects.

The net profit from the supper was approximately \$160. The Senior Class wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the parents and friends of the community for helping to make this supper a success.

F. H. A.

By Becky Dawson

The Future Homemakers of Big Island High held their first meeting in the Home Ec. Room, on October 19. The President, Betty St. John, presided. We were led in devotions by Patsy Feagans. Due to the absence of the secretary there were no minutes. Miss Owen discussed various subjects and the new members were welcomed.

A Federation meeting is scheduled at Montvale, Wednesday, October 28.

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1. (a) Do you try to catch a date's attention to make him proud of you by dressing in an eye-catching manner so you'll stand apart from the crowd? OR

(b) Do you conform to the standards of your group and wear only the fashions generally accepted by them?

2. (a) Do you spend most of your time, thought and money on cultivating an attractive appearance to interest boys in dating you? OR

(b) Do you believe that you should develop social skills: tennis, swimming, bridge, or a good talking knowledge of football, baseball, sports cars and so forth?

3. (a) When it's up to you to slant the conversation, do you feel that you should stay on safe ground and discuss the subjects of greatest interest to you? OR

(b) Do you try to steer the conversation into channels that are of interest to your date?

4. (a) If you go to a party where you don't like your date's friends, do you explain your feelings to him and concentrate on him, thinking he'll be flattered? OR

(b) Do you smother natural, personal impressions and pretend friendliness to everyone even though it hurts?

5. (a) If the group wants to go bowling, a sport you don't like, do you promote the attractions of another sport you prefer and hold out for it? OR

(b) Do you meekly yield to the majority choice without voicing your own feelings?

(Answers on page 6)

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Assembly

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Each character was dressed to represent his job on the staff and recited his original lines in a clever and amusing manner. The entire skit was very amusing and realistic.

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For Girls: Are You Boy Bait? ANSWERS

1. Give yourself 20 points for **b**. Appearance is definitely attention catching with boys, especially at first glance. However, boys are not really aware of fashion details; they notice the total effect of good grooming rather than the details of dress. If a girl adopts some extreme boys may notice it, but they won't like it. Bright colors: Said one boy: "Oh, sometimes I notice a bright scarf, but I'm really caught by a bright smile!"

2. Give yourself 20 points for **b**.

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Varied interests are tremendously important for repeat dates. While a girl's personality and appearance may get her a first date, she has to back them up with more than looks. Comment from one of the male panelists: "A girl doesn't have to be a female athlete, but it's fun to have a girl along who knows what a game or sport is all about."

3. Give yourself 20 points for **b**. Conversational skill doesn't mean a girl has to talk all the time or score in an argument. But it is up to her to make talking a pleasant game. Boys like girls

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who talk easily, and they especially like girls who encourage them to talk about a boy's won interests. "I don't mind if a girl expresses her point of view," said one panelist, "But when I date, I don't want to debate. I can do that in school. Nor do I want to orate. I just like a nice time talking about events of the day that really interest me."

4. Give yourself 20 points for **b**. Friendliness is a quality that boys really react to. When they take a girl to a party, they want to feel she enjoys the place, the people and the date. As one male panel member summed it up: "I like my friends to know what a swell girl I'm dating. If she's nice and friendly to them, they'll appreciate her, too." Naturally, boys resent girls who are over-friendly to others or who use them as a ticket to meet other boys.

5. Give yourself 20 points for **b**. Good sportsmanship is a must with most boys. This implies being a willing member of a team, working for the interests of the group and accepting defeat gracefully. A girl may lack experience with this kind of thinking, but if you wish to make a good impression, be a good sport—unless the sport is actually dangerous to you.

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